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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

- Mark Twain

COUNTY NEWS



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The Gonzales 4-H "Sharp Shooters"

The Gonzales Shooting Sports project members attended the Monterey County Swiss Rifle Club rifle match on December 5. Members put in community service hours to support the rifle club. They "entertained the troops" with their rendition of the song YMCA. Left to right are: Colt Rubbo, Jenica Muscio, MCSRC volunteer Curtis Snivley, and Morgan Kaupp.

Submitted by Shooting Sports Project Leader Bobby Monares



Debbie Means of Spring 4-H, coordinated the challenge she offered her club, to fill shoeboxes for underprivileged children across the world. Debbie first learned of Operation Christmas Child from a booth at the Monterey County Fair. She suggested that each member of her club donate an item to add to the shoebox plus a quarter to offset the shipping cost. The club filled 4 shoeboxes with hygiene items, candy, toys and school supplies for a boy and a girl, ages 4-9 years, and a boy and a girl, ages 10-14 years.

Debbie delivered the shoeboxes to the collection center in Salinas and was amazed at the volume of boxes filled with donations from individuals in the county. Debbie is planning to track the four boxes using the bar-code provided at the time of shipping to see which country receives the club's boxes. Thank you, Spring 4-H for providing a gift of hope to children in need.

Submitted by Cheryl Wilson, Spring 4-H



Mission 4-H Annual Mailbox Decorating. Every year the Mission 4-H has decorated mailboxes in the Soledad Mission Community. All members are assigned a route with their parent volunteers to decorate mailboxes and bring Holiday Cheer to all. Our floral project leader, Flora Ripley, has the floral project help assemble the bows and then distributes them to each route. Come rain or shine, the Mission 4-H always comes through with this Holiday tradition. Pictures Left to Right: Taylor Dow, Brian Alarid, Seth Guidotti & Rachel Costa.



Mission 4-H Christmas Caroling at Eden Valley Assistant Care

This year about 30 Mission 4-H Members caroled at Eden Valley. The 4-Hers started with Jingle Bells in the hall ways of Eden Valley and gathered in the common room where they entertained the residences with carols from Rudolph to Silent Night. They ended with We Wish You a Merry Christmas and caroled all the hall ways. The card making project leader, Claudia Guidotti, has the project make Christmas Cards to hand out to all the residents to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Submitted by Dana Guidotti, Mission 4-H Community Club Leader



Who Likes Pancakes?

On Saturday, February 6, 2009 San Benancio 4-H is hosting a pancake breakfast and used book sale at San Benancio Middle School in the multipurpose room. We will serve pancakes from 9 am - 11 am. We will be serving yummy fluffy pancakes with maple syrup, sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee.

The price is \$5.00 per person. Kids under 3 and seniors over 65 eat FREE!

Our used book sale will have a huge variety of books. We will have everything from kids books, cookbooks, fiction books and more! Come see our great selection of books at great prices.

So remember to come and fill your belly at our pancake breakfast and used book sale on February 6th!

Submitted by Dale McHaney, San Benancio 4-H



COUNTY EVENTS



MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H BOWL-A-RAMA (Formerly Leadership Get-Away)

King City Blue Ribbon 4-H is putting together an afternoon of pure 4-H fun. Much like 4-H Camp; you'll meet new friends, find old ones, make memories and learn a new skill! There will be a bowling competition so form a team with your club or project and BRING IT ON!

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 9th, 2010

WHERE: Valley Center Bowl in Salinas

TIME: Check in 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bowling 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WHO: Any Monterey County 4-H Member

WHY: Have fun, meet other 4-Hers, and have a friendly competition with your friends.

COST: \$10.00 for bowling and shoes, \$3.00 for slice of pizza

Please RSVP by December 15th or sooner, by email to: busymama27@yahoo.com or by mail to:

KCBR 4-H, 329 Division St., King City, CA 93930

Any questions, call Mary Hughes at 385-4220

If emailing or mailing, please include the following information:

Name _____ Club _____

Age _____

You will also need a medical release form filled out and brought with you the day of the event.

FANTASTIC 4-H FIELD DAY (Formerly Project Field Day)

Is set for February 20, 2010 at the County office.

8:30 am Registration opens, 9:00 a.m. program begins

Our county's annual field day is back with some old favorites and some new ideas! Many clubs are collaborating to make this day action packed with contests, awards, socializing and learning.

- Judging contest hosted by Aromas 4-H. All members will have an opportunity to use their critical thinking skills to possibly earn a gold medal in each age group.
- Poster contest hosted by Mission 4-H. Show what you know! Try entering your 4-H poster.
- Dessert contest hosted by Natividad 4-H. Bring your prize winning desserts.

New! Fashion Revue contest provided by Buena Vista 4-H – Assemble an outfit on the spot from our supplies

BBQ Lunch provided by Gonzales 4-H from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information or ideas contact Buena Vista 4-H Lorin Lurz 455-1962



COUNTY POLICY



PROPOSED MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H POLICY: (with revised wording)

In order to bring Monterey County 4-H program up to higher standards of operating practices and self sufficiency, Council has reviewed the following policy below: Please take the time to review for yourself. A vote will be taken at the January 19 Council Meeting. Each Club has two votes, including members over the age of 14. A yes vote would then amend the policy into the Council Bylaws under agreed upon procedures.

MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL PARTICIPATION POLICY

1. 80% attendance shall be required at Council Meetings by Community Club Leaders or a club representative, including youth members over 14 years old, who would get credit in their record book. Monterey County 4-H Council will hold a minimum of ten meetings a year for the months of July, August, September, October, November, January February, March, April and June (no meeting in December or May). The 80% would include two missed meetings for a total of 8 meetings per year. The Community Club Leader would be responsible for attending or designating fixed or rotating representatives and keeping a record of their club's attendance. Any club not in compliance with 80% attendance would be brought before Council for evaluation to determine the club's standing
2. Council Officers must also have 80% attendance at Council Meetings to provide a quorum and to maintain their office or to complete their second year of the two year commitment. Any officer missing three consecutive meetings would also be brought before Council to evaluate and could be dismissed from their duty at the sole discretion of the Council.
3. Monterey County 4-H Clubs must maintain a 12 member minimum to provide club officers as well as non-officers, adequate food booth help and committees for county events.
4. Clubs must achieve a gold or blue seal on club books. A red seal would equal probation for a club. A red seal two years in a row could cause the club to lose their charter. The 4-H Program Representative would be responsible to provide help and training to the club secretary and treasurer if a red seal is awarded.
5. Each club is required to participate (plan, host, staff, etc) on one county committee or event per year to be considered in good standing.
6. Committee Chairmen are required to submit articles to the News Notes & complete all required reporting.



FROM YOUR PROGRAM REP.
Wendy Grennan



RECORD BOOKS - THE FINAL WORD

The official word from State level 4-H is... Project Leaders MAY require record books. This ruling does not have to go into club by laws, but project leaders may include it in their project rules. The consequence for not completing a required record book, means the member does not get credit for completing the project. (Remember one project must be completed to get credit for the 4-H year.) If you have any questions please call Wendy at 831-759-7386 or email wdgrennan@ucdavis.edu

WELCOME NEW ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR 2009/2010!



Kyle Thorp aged out at 19, Hana Ferguson and Kyler Monares turned 18, and Claire Plemmons, who returned to 4-H after a two year hiatus have all enrolled to become adult volunteers. Kyle is a co-leader for the Spring 4-H swine project, Hana is a leader for Buena Vista Fashion Revue project, Kyler is a co-leader for Gonzales Shooting Sports project and Claire is a co-leader for the Spring 4-H horse project.

Thank you former members for giving back to Monterey County 4-H.



OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE



- **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Rifle**

A shooting sports training workshop for the rifle discipline will be held in Tulare, CA on Saturday, **January 9, 2010** 8 AM - 6 PM and Sunday, **January 10, 8 AM - 4 PM**. The course will be held at the Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare, CA. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu. For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm

- 4-H youth, in grades 7-12, with an enthusiasm for agriculture and its importance in society are encouraged to consider submitting for the **National Ag Day Essay Contest**. The submission deadline is **February 12, 2009**. The national winner selected will receive a \$1,000 prize and a trip to Washington, D.C. for the award presentation. Visit: <http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay> for an entry application and contest rules.

- **State Qualifying Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests**

The **2010 Judging contests** will be held **April 17, 2010** at Fresno State University in conjunction with a state FFA judging contest. Applications are due by **February 19, 2010** to the State 4-H Office. The entry fee is \$25.00/team or \$5.00 per individual. The applications will be available on the state website after **December 1, 2009** and by contacting the State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518. Check here for the rules governing state dairy and livestock judging contests.

- Dates have been set for **2010 State 4-H Horse Events**. The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held **April 24 & 25** at Reedley College, Reedley, CA (southeast of Fresno). The Championship Horse Show will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on **Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27**. Tentatively, the English classes and Over Fences will be held on Friday, Western classes on Saturday and Gymkhana on Sunday. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. For information, contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

- What are you doing in your county clothing projects? **State Fashion Revue 2010 (May 29, 2010)** will feature our County Corner where you can share innovative ideas from your county that relate to the Clothing & Textiles project, including non-wearable items. Check out the website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/> to find out more about it
- The **California Exposition & State Fair** Board has announced new dates for the fair. The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from **Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 1, 2010**. For more information, you may contact Erica Manuel of the California Exposition and State Fair at emanuel@calexpo.com. 4-H members, adults and staff may also contact 4-H Animal Science Committee Chairs Cynthia Barnett, ccbarnett@ucdavis.edu and Steve Dasher, hsdasher@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.
- The **2010 State 4-H Field Day** is planned for **May 29, 2010**. The event will include a variety of interests including presentation day, state fashion revue, a plant science contest and interview contest amongst many others. If you are interested in exhibiting at this annual event, click here <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf> for an application. Applications are due by April 2, 2010.
- **State Leadership Conference**
The **2010 year's theme is "Operation 4-H"**, and is an annual event in which high school age members from across the state meet to develop leadership skills through workshops, games, and night time activities. We are now accepting applications for educational session/track presenters. Please share your knowledge about all things leadership and help Operation 4-H be a tremendous success! Click here to download a proposal. Proposals are due the State 4-H Office by **Feb. 26, 2010**. You may contact Quang Tong for additional questions at 530-752-5644.

LINKS



<http://www.ca4h.org/SET/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO SHARE

JANUARY 2010

Friday, January 1	Holiday - office closed
Saturday, January 9	Monterey County Bowl-a-Rama hosted by KCBR 4-H
Monday, January 18	Holiday - office closed
Tuesday, January 19	Leader's Council Meeting 7 p.m. at the 4-H office
Wednesday, January 20	News Notes articles and pictures due to the 4-H office
Thursday, January 28	1st Camp meeting for Counselors
Friday, January 29 - Sunday, January 31	LCORT

FEBRUARY 2010

Thursday, February 4	Salinas Farm Day
Monday, February 15	Holiday - office closed
Wednesday, February 17	News Notes articles and pictures due to the 4-H office
Saturday, February 20	Fantastic Field Day 8:30 a.m. at Valley Center Bowl
Thursday, February 23	Camp Meeting 6:30 at the 4-H office

IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE



MARCH 2010

Friday, March 5	County Presentation Day 6 p.m. at La Gloria Elementary School in Gonzales
Thursday, March 18	King City Farm Day

2010 FAIRS

Thursday, May 13 - Sunday, May 16	Salinas Valley Fair - for more information please visit their website at http://www.salinasvalleyfair.com or call (831) 385-3243
Wednesday, September 1 - Monday September 6	Monterey County Fair - for more information please visit their website at http://www.montereycountyfair.com or call (831) 372-5863
Tuesday, September 14 - Sunday, September 19	Santa Cruz County Fair - for more information please visit their website at http://santacruzcountyfair.com or call (831) 724-5671
Friday, October 1 - Sunday, October 3	San Benito County Fair - The San Benito County Fair is a lottery drawing for 5 spots for Monterey County 4-H. Please call the 4-H office at (831) 759-7386 to have your name put on the list for the drawing. The lotter drawing dates will be posted in the News Notes (TBA). For more fair information please visit their website at http://sanbenitocountyfair.com or call (831)628-3421

Next Leader's Council Meeting:
Tuesday, January 19,
7 p.m.
at the 4-H Office -
1432 Abbott Street.



January 2010

Every adult volunteer and all youth Members 14 years of age are eligible to be active members of the County Council. Please come and give your input, guidance, direction and Leadership to the Monterey County YDP.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 BOWL-A-RAMA 10:30-4:00 at Valle y Center Bowl
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	19 Leaders Council Meeting 7 pm. at the 4 -H office	20 News Notes arti- cles and pictures due	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 1st Camp meeting 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office	29 LCORT begins	30
31 LCORT ends						

**2009-2010 Monterey
 County
 4-H Leaders Council**



February 2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Salinas Farm Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 HOLIDAY Office closed	16	17 News Notes articles due and pictures due	18	19	20 Fantastic Field Day 8:30 a.m. at the 4-H office
21	22	23	24	25 Camp Counselor's meeting 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office	26	27
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